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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

- ☒ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language English, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - ☒ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 - ☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the **elements** of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:

- ☒ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☐ the description:
- pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☐ the claims:
- pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
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- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☐ the drawings:
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- ☐ the sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

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| Novelty (N) | Claims | 1-9 | YES |
| | Claims | | NO |
| Inventive step (IS) | Claims | 1-9 | YES |
| | Claims | | NO |
| Industrial applicability (IA) | Claims | 1-9 | YES |
| | Claims | | NO |

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The following documents have been considered for the purpose of this report:

- (D1) Hee-Joon Kim, et al., PNAS, Vol. 99, No. 8, (2002), p5007-5011
- (D2) Eunsung Lee, et al., Angew. Chem. Int. Ed., Vol. 40, No. 2, (2001), p399-4402
- (D3) Yong-beom Lim, et al., Bioconjugate chem. Vol. 13, No. 6, (2002), p1181-1185
- (D4) Sang Yong Jon, et al., J. Am. Chem. Soc., Vol. 125, No. 34, (2003), p10186-10187
- (D5) Haizhen Zhang, et al., J. Am. Chem. Soc. Vol. 125, No. 31, (2003), p9284-9285

D1 discloses the inclusion behavior of methylviologen (N,N'-dimethyl-4,4'-bipyridinium, MV) dication in cucurbit[7]uril (CB[7]) by using various spectroscopic and electrochemical methods. The inclusion complex of MV dication in CB[7] is stable thermodynamically and kinetically and this provides an insight to the design of novel molecular devices such as electrochemically controllable molecular machines.

D2 discloses the synthesis of a novel 2D polyrotaxane with large cavities and channels which demonstrates that this is indeed viable to modular porous solids.

D3 discloses that a ternary complex of PPI-DAB dendrimer [(1,4-diaminobutane); Gen=N; dendri-poly(propyleneimine); -[NHC(=O)CH(2)NH(2)(+)(CH(2))(4)NH(3)(+)](z)()], DNA, and cucurbituril (CB) is evaluated as an example of a totally self-assembled gene delivery carrier and the complex is formed in a noncovalent way in which DNA interacts with PPI-DAB electrostatically and CB with PPI-DAB through multiple noncovalent interactions.

D4 relates to a facile synthesis of cucurbit[n]uril derivatives via direct functionalization and expanded utilization of cucurbit[n]uril. A CB[6] modified surface may be useful in designing sensors and biochips and CB[n] can be attached on silica surfaces which can be utilized as a stationary phase in chromatography.

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Supplemental Box

In case the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient.
Continuation of:

Box V

D5 discloses the electrospray ionization mass spectrometric experiments which demonstrate that cucurbit[6]uril pseudorotaxanes survive into the gas phase and exhibit dissociation and reactivity distinct from that of nonrotaxanes.

1. Novelty

None of the prior art documents D1 to D5 describe a compound represented by Formula 1 in which a compound of Formula 3 vertically passes through a cavity of cucurbituril or its derivative of Formula 2, a solid substrate bonded with the compound and a biochip including the solid substrate. Therefore, the subject-matter of claims 1-9 can be regarded as novel under PCT Article 33(2).

2. Inventive Step

According to the present invention, a rotaxane compound is used to separate molecules within a linkage layer formed on a solid substrate of a biochip by a predetermined distance. A rotaxane compound is introduced in a linkage layer, the spacing between adjacent linear compounds can be maintained at more than a diameter of cucurbituril, a linkage layer made of a rotaxane compound is formed on a solid substrate, and molecules which constitute the linkage layer can be spaced apart from each other by a predetermined distance.

The rotaxane compound of Formula 1 can be bonded to a modified solid substrate with various end functional groups to form a desired solid substrate and this substrate bonded with the rotaxane compound of Formula 1 can be used in preparation of a gene chip. Therefore, a rotaxane compound of the present invention allows the uniform spacing between rotaxane molecules within a linkage layer formed on a solid substrate. As a resultant, a biochip with selectivity and sensitivity can be produced.

Since the present invention is considered as being non-obvious to a person skilled in the art, and consequently an inventive step can be acknowledged for the subject-matter of claims 1 to 9 under PCT Article 33(3).

3. Industrial Applicability

The subject-matter of claims 1 to 9 is considered to be industrially applicable under PCT Article 33(4).